

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claims 1, 8 and 10 to 17 as follows. The claims, as pending in the subject application, read as follows:

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1. (Currently Amended) A control method for controlling a printer for providing print-by-reference functionality to a web browser, the method comprising the steps of:

providing a web page from a printer's embedded web server to the web browser;

receiving a URL entered into the provided web page by the web browser; the printer retrieving a document to be printed corresponding to the URL from a web site on the Internet; and

the printer automatically printing the retrieved document.

2. (Original) A method according to Claim 1, wherein the web page is in HTML format.

3. (Original) A method according to Claim 1, wherein the web page is in XML format.

4. (Original) A method according to Claim 1, wherein the document is in a print-ready format.

5. (Currently Amended) A method according to Claim 1, further comprising, the printer converting retrieved the document to a print-ready format.

6. (Previously Presented) A method according to Claim 1, wherein the URL corresponds to a web site having a transfer protocol not supported by the web browser, and the method further comprises the steps of:

creating a web page based on contents of the website, the web page including a link to a directory, a link to a document, or links to a directory and a document, wherein, if a link to a directory is selected, a new web page is created including a link to a subdirectory, a link to a document, or links to a subdirectory and to a document.

7. (Original) A method according to Claim 6, wherein the web page is accessed using HTTP, and the entered URL corresponds to a FTP using website.

8. (Currently Amended) A method according to Claim 1, further comprising the steps of:

creating a web page based on contents of the website, the web page including hypertext links[[,]]:

selecting a link; and

issuing a directory access command corresponding to the selected link, wherein, if the command fails, a document is retrieved corresponding to the selected link, and

wherein, if the command succeeds, a new web page is created having hypertext links.

9. (Canceled)

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10. (Currently Amended) Computer-executable process steps stored on a computer-readable medium, the steps to control a printer for providing print-by-reference functionality to a web browser, the steps comprising:

providing a web page from a printer's embedded web server to the web browser;

receiving a URL entered into the provided web page by the web browser; the printer retrieving a document to be printed corresponding to the URL from a web site on the Internet; and

the printer automatically printing the retrieved document.

11. (Currently Amended) Computer-executable process steps according to Claim 10, wherein the web page is in HTML format.

12. (Currently Amended) Computer-executable process steps according to Claim 10, wherein the web page is in XML format.

13. (Currently Amended) Computer-executable process steps according to Claim 10, wherein the document is in a print-ready format.

14. (Currently Amended) Computer-executable process ~~Process~~ steps according to Claim 10, further comprising the printer a converting ~~step to convert~~ the retrieved document to a print-ready format.

15. (Currently Amended) Computer-executable process steps according to Claim 10, wherein the URL corresponds to a web site having a transfer protocol not supported by the web browser, the process steps further comprising comprise:

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[[a]] creating ~~step to create~~ a web page based on contents of the website, the web page including a link to a directory, a link to a document, or links to a directory and a document,

wherein, if a link to a directory is selected, a new web page is created including a link to a subdirectory, a link to a document, or links to a subdirectory and to a document.

16. (Currently Amended) Computer-executable process ~~Process~~ steps according to Claim 15, wherein the web page is accessed using HTTP, and the entered URL corresponds to a FTP using website.

17. (Currently Amended) Computer-executable process steps according to Claim 10, further comprising the steps of:

creating a web page based on contents of the website, the web page including hypertext links[[,]];
selecting a link; and

issuing a directory access command corresponding to the selected link,
wherein, if the command fails, a document is retrieved corresponding to the
selected link, and

wherein, if the command succeeds, a new web page is created having
hypertext links.

18. (Cancelled)

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19. (Original) A method according to Claim 1, wherein the URL contains
e-mail account identification information.

20. (Original) A method according to Claim 19, wherein the web page
allows entry of the e-mail account identification information.

21. (Cancelled)

22. (Previously Presented) A method according to Claim 6, wherein the
URL contains e-mail account identification information, and
wherein the created web page contains information retrieved from the e-
mail account re-formatted into web format.

23. and 24. (Cancelled)

25. (Original) Computer-executable process steps according to Claim 10, wherein the URL contains e-mail account identification information.

26. (Original) Computer-executable process steps according to Claim 25, wherein the web page allows entry of the e-mail account identification information.

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27. to 30. (Canceled)

31. (Previously Presented) A method according to Claim 1, further comprising transforming the retrieved document into a printable document, wherein the step of printing the retrieved document is printing the printable document.

32. (Previously Presented) A method according to Claim 1, wherein the retrieved document is transformed into a printable document in advance.